



WHAT IS A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST?

Speech-Language Pathologists (S-LPs) are specialists that work to prevent, assess, identify, diagnose and treat a wide variety of communicative challenges and disorders across the lifespan.



1 in 10

Individuals has a speech, language or hearing challenge.

S-LPs can help with...

Speech

How we say sounds and words. It includes articulation, which refers to how we make speech sounds using the mouth, lips, and tongue. Speech errors may make it difficult for listeners to understand.

Language

How well we understand what others say and how we use words to share our thoughts, ideas and feelings. It includes several skills such as vocabulary, grammar, and sentence structure.

Fluency

How well speech flows. When a person says a sound or word more than once or has difficulty getting speech to come out (stuttering).

Social

The skills that we use to communicate and interact with each other. It includes language (words we use), tone, facial expression and body language.

Literacy

The ability to read and write. Individuals with speech and language difficulties may have trouble with reading, spelling and writing.

AAC

AAC is short for augmentative and alternative communication. It is any mode of communication that is not speaking with your mouth (such as devices or sign language).

Hearing

S-LPs can conduct hearing screenings. Hearing is important for good speech and language development.

S-LPs may also help with cognitive-communication (problem-solving, memory, attention), swallowing and feeding, and communication challenges related to other difficulties such as intellectual impairment or hearing loss.

